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Population, Income, Food Insecurity, Education, and Employment

Population		Rural*	Urban*	Total
Year				
1980		40,894,594	185,647,610	226,542,204
1990		41,348,869	207,442,056	248,790,925
2000		44,763,470	236,661,130	281,424,600
2010		46,276,086	262,482,019	308,758,105
2020		45,802,840	285,662,108	331,464,948
2023		46,004,368	288,910,527	334,914,895

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More information on population in United States

- [County-level Population Data](#)
- [Rural Population and Migration Topic Page](#)
- [Contact John Cromartie and Richelle L. Winkler.](#)

Income		Rural*	Urban*	Total
Per-capita income				
2022		51,733	68,567	66,244
2023		54,006	72,332	69,810
Percent change		4.4	5.5	5.4
Earnings per job				
2021		52,229	72,832	70,421
2022		53,970	73,879	71,586
Percent change		3.3	1.4	1.7
Poverty rate (percent)				
1999		14.9	11.9	12.4
2010		17.9	14.9	15.3
2020		14.4	11.5	11.9
2023		15.3	12.0	12.5

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More information on poverty rates in United States

- [County-level Poverty Data](#)
- [Rural Poverty & Well-being Topic Page](#)

- Estimates of per capita income and earnings per job are based on county-level data from U.S. Bureau of Economic Analysis, CAINC1 County and MSA personal income summary: personal income, population, per capita personal income; CAINC5N Personal income by major component and earnings by NAICS industry; and CAEMP25N Total full-time and part-time employment by NAICS industry. Poverty estimates are based on the [U.S. Census Bureau's decennial Census poverty measures](#) and U.S. Census Bureau, [Small Area Income and Poverty Estimates](#). See important notes about [poverty data](#) and [intercensal model-based poverty estimates](#).
- Contact [Tracey Farrigan](#) (for poverty) and [Austin Sanders](#) (for income and earnings).

Household-level Food Insecurity and Very Low Food Security	2011–13 avg.	2018–20 avg.	2021–23 avg.
Percent			
Food insecure households	14.6	10.7	12.2
Very low food secure households	5.7	4.1	4.7

More information on food insecurity in United States

- [Food Security in the U.S. Topic Page](#)
- [Definitions of Food Insecurity and Very Low Food Security](#)

• Comparisons of prevalence rates of food insecurity between States must take account of the margins of error, which are sizeable for many States. Margins of error are published along with State prevalence rates in each year's *Household Food Security in the United States* report.

- Contact [Matthew Rabbitt](#).

Education (Persons 25 and older)	Rural*	Urban*	Total
Less than high school graduate			
1990	31.6	23.4	24.8
2000	23.7	18.8	19.6
2008–12	16.6	13.9	14.3
2019–23	11.7	10.4	10.6
High school graduate (or equivalency)			
1990	35.3	28.9	30.0
2000	36.2	27.2	28.6
2008–12	36.5	26.8	28.2
2019–23	35.4	24.7	26.2
Some college or associate degree			
1990	20.8	25.7	24.9
2000	25.3	27.8	27.4
2008–12	29.3	28.9	29.0
2019–23	30.8	27.8	28.2
Bachelor's degree or higher			
1990	12.3	21.9	20.3
2000	14.9	26.2	24.4
2008–12	17.6	30.5	28.5
2019–23	22.1	37.1	35.0

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More information on education in United States

- [County-level Education Data](#)
- [Rural Employment & Education Topic page](#)
- Contact [Austin Sanders](#).

Employment	Rural*	Urban*	Total
Employment change (percent)			
2020–21	2.1	3.6	3.4
2021–22	1.7	3.7	3.4
2022–23	0.9	1.5	1.4
Unemployment rate (percent)			
2022	3.7	3.6	3.7
2023	3.6	3.6	3.6

Average annual data are unavailable for Puerto Rico in 2020 because of missing monthly observations for March and April 2020.

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More information on unemployment rates in United States

- [County-level Unemployment Data](#)
- [Rural Employment & Education Topic page](#)
- Contact [Austin Sanders](#).

Farm Characteristics

Census of Agriculture	2007	2012	2017
Farms (number)	2,204,792	2,109,303	2,042,220
Approximate total land area (acres)	2,260,994,361	2,260,583,852	2,260,681,965
Farmland (acres)	922,095,840	914,527,657	900,217,576
Farmland in total land area (percent)	40.8	40.5	39.8
Cropland (acres)	406,424,909	389,690,414	396,433,817
Cropland in farmland (percent)	44.1	42.6	44.0
Cropland used as pasture (percent)	8.8	3.3	3.5
Cropland irrigated (percent)	12.7	13.4	13.6
Harvested cropland (percent)	76.2	80.8	80.7
Woodland (acres)	75,098,603	77,012,907	73,092,054
Woodland in farmland (percent)	8.1	8.4	8.1
Woodland in pasture (percent)	38.1	36.4	35.6
Permanent pasture and rangeland (acres)	408,832,116	415,309,280	400,771,178
Pastureland in farmland (percent)	44.3	45.4	44.5
Land in house lots, ponds, roads, wasteland, etc. (acres)	31,740,212	32,515,057	29,920,527
Land in house lots, ponds, roads, wasteland, etc. in farmland (percent of total farms)	3.4	3.6	3.3
Conservation practices			
Farmland in conservation or wetland reserve program (acres)	38,547,450	27,485,000	22,959,083
Average farm size (acres)	418	434	441
Farms by size (percent of total farms)			
1 to 99 acres	54.4	54.6	56.5

100 to 499 acres	31.0	30.4	28.5
500 to 999 acres	6.8	6.8	6.5
1000 to 1,999 acres	4.2	4.3	4.3
2000 or more acres	3.6	3.9	4.2
Farms by sales, current dollars (percent of total farms)			
Less than \$9,999	59.8	56.6	58.0
\$10,000 to \$49,999	18.3	18.9	18.2
\$50,000 to \$99,999	5.7	6.1	5.8
\$100,000 to \$499,999	10.9	11.0	10.7
More than \$500,000	5.3	7.4	7.2
Tenure of farmers			
Full owner farms (farms)	1,522,033	1,428,351	1,408,961
Full owner farms (percent of total farms)	69.0	67.7	69.0
Part owner farms (farms)	542,192	533,070	493,137
Part owner farms (percent of total farms)	24.6	25.3	24.1
Tenant farms (farms)	140,567	147,882	140,122
Tenant farms (percent of total farms)	6.4	7.0	6.9
Farm organization			
Individuals/family, sole proprietorship (farms)	1,906,335	1,828,946	1,751,126
Individuals/family, sole proprietorship (percent of total farms)	86.5	86.7	85.7
Family-held corporations (farms)	85,837	95,142	104,155
Family-held corporations (percent of total farms)	3.9	4.5	5.1
Partnerships (farms)	174,247	137,987	130,173
Partnerships (percent of total farms)	7.9	6.5	6.4
Non-family corporations (farms)	10,237	11,574	12,685
Non-family corporations (percent of total farms)	0.5	0.5	0.6
Others - cooperatives, estate or trust, institutional, etc. (farms)	28,136	35,654	44,081
Others - cooperatives, estate or trust, institutional, etc. (percent)	1.3	1.7	2.2
Characteristics of principal farm operators*			
Average operator age (years)	57.1	58.3	
Farm operators with farming as their principal occupation (percent)	45.1	47.8	
Men (number)	1,898,583	1,821,039	
Women (number)	306,209	288,264	

More information on farm characteristics in United States

- [Census of Agriculture](#)
- Contact [NASS Customer Service](#), 1-800-727-9540.
- *Note: Demographic information for 2017 is not directly comparable with data from previous Censuses, see [Census of Agriculture FAQ](#) for more information.

Farm Financial Indicators

Farm income and value added data	2022	2023
Value of crop production (1,000 dollars)	271,820,040	273,628,308
+ Value of animals and products production (1,000 dollars)	256,802,552	247,905,875
+ Farm-related income (1,000 dollars)	73,515,461	75,367,412
= Value of agricultural sector production (1,000 dollars)	602,138,053	596,901,594
- Contract labor (1,000 dollars)	6,466,764	7,173,460
- Intermediate product expenses (1,000 dollars)	306,828,779	319,318,473
+ Net government transactions (1,000 dollars)	-989,848	-4,643,239
= Gross value added (1,000 dollars)	287,852,661	265,766,422
- Capital consumption (1,000 dollars)	32,793,699	33,206,257
= Net value added (1,000 dollars)	255,058,962	232,560,165
- Factor payments (1,000 dollars)	73,110,123	85,278,565
Hired labor and non-cash employee compensation (1,000 dollars)	35,881,944	41,613,754
Net rent paid to operator landlords (1,000 dollars)	3,078,189	3,618,473
Net rent paid to nonoperator landlords (1,000 dollars)	9,828,748	11,575,005
Total interest expenses (1,000 dollars)	24,321,242	28,471,333
= Net farm income (1,000 dollars)	181,948,839	147,281,599

More information on farm income in United States

- [Farm Income and Wealth Statistics](#)
- [Farm Sector Income & Finances Topic Page](#)

• Farm financial indicators and top commodities were updated February 6, 2025.

• Contact the [Farm Income Team](#), 202-694-5121.

Top Commodities, Exports, and Counties

Top 5 agriculture commodities, 2023	Cash receipts 1,000 dollars	Cash receipts percent of State	Cash receipts percent of U.S.
Cash receipts			
1. Cattle and calves	101,114,198	19.6	100.0
2. Corn	75,811,161	14.7	100.0
3. Soybeans	56,149,886	10.9	100.0
4. Dairy products, Milk	45,927,932	8.9	100.0
5. Broilers	42,565,744	8.2	100.0
All commodities	516,945,817		100.0

More information on agricultural commodities in

- [Farm Income and Wealth Statistics](#)

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Top 5 agriculture exports, estimates, 2022	Exports rank among States	Exports million dollars
Exports		
1. Soybeans		34,368.0
2. Other plant products 5/		19,078.2
3. Corn		18,571.2
4. Feeds and other feed grains 3/		12,962.6
5. Beef and veal		11,708.3
Total exports		188,857.2

More information on agricultural exports in United States

- [State Agricultural Trade Data](#) (State exports, cash receipts estimates)
- [Annual State Agricultural Exports](#) (interactive chart)
- 1/ Includes other nonpoultry meats, animal fat, live farm animals, and other animal parts.
- 2/ Includes turkey meat, eggs, and other fowl products.
- 3/ Includes processed feeds, fodder, barley, oats, rye, and sorghum.
- 4/ Includes peanuts (oilstock), other oil crops, corn meal, other oilcake and meal, protein substances, bran and residues.
- 5/ Includes sweeteners and products, other horticulture products, planting seeds, cocoa, coffee, and other processed foods.
- "Total exports" is the sum of all products included in the data product, which excludes some processed goods, such as distilled spirits, beer, and ethanol, etc. that account for about 4 percent of total recorded agricultural exports.
- Contact [Bart Kenner](#) and [James Kaufman](#).

Top 5 counties in agricultural sales, 2017	Total receipts percent of State	Total receipts 1,000 dollars
Total receipts		
1. Fresno County, CA	1.5	5,742,769
2. Tulare County, CA	1.2	4,474,809
3. Monterey County, CA	1.1	4,116,149
4. Kern County, CA	1.0	4,076,783
5. Merced County, CA	0.8	2,938,396
State Total		388,522,695

More information on agricultural sales in United States

- [Census of Agriculture](#)
- Contact [NASS Customer Service](#), 1-800-727-9540.

Data Sources

- 1980 Decennial Census (Puerto Rico only) and the Population Estimates Program from the U.S. Department of Commerce, [Bureau of the Census](#).
- Local Area Personal Income and Employment, U.S. Department of Commerce, [Bureau of Economic Analysis](#).
- Current Population Survey, [Food Security Supplements](#).
- Local Area Unemployment Statistics, county-level data, [U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics](#).
- [State Agricultural Trade Data](#), USDA, Economic Research Service.
- Census of Agriculture, USDA, [National Agricultural Statistics Service](#).
- [Farm Sector Income & Finances Topic Page](#), USDA, Economic Research Service.
- U.S. Department of Commerce, Bureau of the Census, decennial census education measures (1990, 2000) and 5-year period estimates (2008–12 and 2019–23) from the [American Community Survey](#).
- U.S. Department of Commerce, [Bureau of the Census](#), decennial poverty (1999) and Small Area Income and Poverty Estimates (2010–23). See notes about model-based estimates.

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